

ABSTRACT

The present invention aims to provide a lighting device for display devices preferably used for constituting a backlight of a transmissive or transreflective liquid crystal display device, the lighting device having the reduced number of components and being effective in terms of electric power consumption and capable of providing excellent display quality. The lighting device for display devices according to the present invention is a lighting device for display devices, comprising a light source lamp, and a light-diffusing layer constituted by a diffusing plate or a diffusing sheet, the light source lamp being a light source lamp having a folded part (curved part), such as U-shaped tube, and the lighting device for display devices having any of, or combination of: a configuration in which the folded part (curved part) of the light source lamp is covered with a lamp frame; a configuration in which an optical member provided with a light-reducing or light-shielding treatment is used around the folded part (curved part) of the light source lamp; a configuration in which the folded part (curved part) of the light source lamp is disposed outside an effective display region; a configuration in which the folded part (curved part) of the light source lamp is provided with a member for reducing or shielding light; and a configuration in which a reflective member provided with a light-reducing treatment is used around the folded part (curved part) of the light source lamp, and thereby at least part of light generated from the curved part of the light source lamp being reduced or shielded.